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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Mail Stop FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 8, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Applicant requests a three month extension of time to make this response timely filed. The appropriate fee is enclosed.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: